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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A representation was received requesting the provision of bus service between Tiruchirapalli Mainguard-gate to Sangiliandapuram. This is under consideration of the Regional Transport Authority, Tiruchirapalli.

[*Note*.—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II. CALLING ATTENTION TO ADVERSE SEASONAL CONDITIONS IN MADURANTAKAM TALUK AND UTTIRAMERUR SUB-TALUK, CHINGLEPUT.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Member Sri V. K. Ramaswamy Mudaliyar will now call the attention of the Hon. the Minister for Revenue to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., adverse seasonal conditions in Madurantakam taluk and Uttiramerur sub-taluk of Chingleput district and the necessity to start famine relief measures in those areas.

* SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR: Sir I wish to tell the Hon. the Minister for Revenue that there has been very little or no rain in the Madurantakam taluk and Uttiramerur sub-taluk and as a result, there has been failure of dry crops in all areas and also wet crops in certain areas. Even the little grains that they had, had been used as seeds. But in spite of best efforts on their part, they could not get water for the withering crops. They could not get even a 4-anna crop. As a result of this, the ryots are put to great hardship and they are also not in a position to get any employment as there is already acute unemployment problem. Further, kist collection is going on with all the vigour. In addition to that, the Revenue Department officials have resorted to coercive steps in collecting the varam of not only this year but also of the past three or four years. This is causing considerable hardship to the ryots. My submission to the Hon. Minister is that he should undertake a tour of those areas for the purpose of personally acquainting himself with what I say. Without solely depending upon the reports submitted to him by the Department people, he would do well to undertake a personal inspection tour of the affected areas. In this connection, I would request the Government to kindly postpone the collection of the loan arrears for some years, or at least till the position improves. That is all my submission, Sir.

* THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: Sir, the seasonal rains set in late in October 1959 in Madurantakan taluk and Uttiramerur sub-taluk in Chingleput district and as a result, irrigation sources received supply very late. This has affected the paddy crops raised by broadcast sowing in wet fields in some parts. In Nelvoi Arungunam, etc., villages in Maduranthakam taluk paddy crops were affected by pests and immediate relief measures taken. As a result complete failure of crops by pest attack was prevented. The coastal firkas of Chitamur and Lathur of Madurantakam taluk received fairly good and widespread rains and the outturn of paddy crops was normal in these areas. There has been no widespread or wholesale failure of crops in any villages in Madurantakam taluk and Uthiramerur sub-taluk except stray cases of shavi in scattered fields and at the tail end of the field channels from the irrigation sources.

The conditions prevailing in Madurantakam taluk and Uttiramerur sub-taluk do not warrant the postponement of land revenue collections or loan collections for the current fasli. The area which turned

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shavi is not extensive and seasonal remissions are being granted to the extent necessary for all the affected fields. It is considered that there is no need to stop loan collections and to start any famine relief measures. The normal works programme chalked out for the district will afford adequate employment to the people. Instructions have been issued to the Revenue Officers to give due attention to individual cases warranting grant of time for repayment of loan arrears.

Sir, I may add that it is not physically possible for the Minister to tour all the areas affected by this sort of adverse seasonal conditions. We have adequate means of getting information about the conditions prevailing in the various areas. Wherever feasible, the Minister also sometimes is able to visit those places. But it is not possible for him to do so in all cases.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(1) NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MR. SPEAKER: Under Rule 193 (2) of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, I hereby nominate the following to be Members of the Business Advisory Committee of the Assembly:—

1. Sri B. Bhaktavatsalu Naidu, Deputy Speaker.
2. Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam.
3. Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam.
4. Sri P. G. Karuthiruman.
5. Sri V. K. Ramaswamy Mudaliyar.
6. Sri C. N. Annadurai.
7. Sri M. Kalyanasundaram.
8. Sri P. S. Chinnadurai.
9. Sri S. Pakkirisami Pillai.
10. Sri K. Sattanatha Karayalar.

The Speaker is the ex-officio Chairman of the Committee.

(2) BILLS PASSED IN THE COUNCIL.

I have to announce to the House that the Council has passed the following Bills without any amendment:

1. The Madras Corneal Grafting Bill, 1960. (L.A. Bill No. 11 of 1960).
2. The Madras Anatomy (Amendment) Bill, 1960. (L.A. Bill No. 10 of 1960).
3. The Madras District Collector's Powers (Delegation) Amendment Bill, 1960. (L.A. Bill No. 15 of 1960).
4. The Madras Gramdan Villages (Repayment of Debts) Amendment Bill, 1960 (L.A. Bill No. 18 of 1960).
5. The Courtallam Township (Validation of Taxes and Library Cess) Bill, 1960 (L.A. Bill No. 16 of 1960).
6. The Madras City Tenants' Protection (Amendment) Bill, 1960 (L.A. Bill No. 26 of 1959).